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No. 334.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

## For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

RACE SADDLES.

JOCKEY WHIPS.

PONY HARNESS.

RACING SCARVES.

HATS, IN NEWEST SHADES.

KID GLOVES.

FRENCH SHOES AND BOOTS.

LATEST HOSIERY AND SHIRTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [296]

## Insurances.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

### DIRECTORS.

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POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.  
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

### NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)  
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.  
HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

### GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,818.27.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

## Intimations.

### WANTED.

A SITUATION as CLERK, BOOK-KEEPER, or GENERAL ASSISTANT, by a young man who has had ten years experience in China and Japan. Speaks French, English, German, Italian and Japanese. Moderate Salary required. First-class references.

Apply to B. C. A.  
care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1883. [139]

### WANTED.

BY THE ADVERTISER  
OFFICE ASSISTANT OR STORE-KEEPER.  
Address—

M. E. C.  
care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1882. [19]

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day PURCHASED the GOODWILL and STOCK-IN-TRADE of W. P. MOORE'S HAIR DRESSING SALOON, Hongkong Hotel. I trust to meet the same Patronage so Liberally bestowed upon my Predecessor.

J. P. MARMANDE.  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [92]

### To be Let.

TO LET,  
WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

FOUR LARGE ROOMS in Blue Buildings, Vanchai, (opposite the Long Pier) lately occupied by Mr. H. JOYCE.

Apply to H. H.,  
Care of Messrs. SAYLE & Co.  
Hongkong, 29th January, 1883. [103]

### TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET,  
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE,  
No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL,  
No. 10, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [17]

### TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms) in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas and Water laid on, and immediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to D. NOWROJEE,  
Hongkong Hotel.  
Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [18]

## Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, ARE NOW PREPARED TO RECEIVE OFFERS FROM SUITABLE PERSONS FOR A FIVE OR TEN YEARS LEASE OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL AND FURNITURE COMPLETE.

This well known HOTEL is situated in the Queen's Road, Hongkong, within a few yards of the principal landing place in the Colony.

It is a large and commodious building, replete with every modern improvement and convenience. It contains an ELEGANT AND SPACIOUS BAR, A LARGE BILLIARD ROOM, READING ROOM, A DINING HALL to accommodate 170 Persons, FIFTY TWO BED ROOMS, TWO CAPITAL BOWLING ALLEYS, together with all the other necessities of a well appointed Hotel.

It is the only First Class Hotel in the Colony, and is always patronised by a number of permanent boarders, consisting principally of Government Officials, Military and Naval Officers and their Families, &c.

It is at present under a Lease to Messrs. DORABEE and HING-KEE, which lease expires on the 15th October, 1883.

Applications to be addressed to—  
THE CHAIRMAN,  
THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED,  
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1883. [14]

### F. D. GUEDES.

WINE MERCHANT AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

No. 5, D'AGUIAR STREET.

HAS always on hand a large assortment of CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at Moderate Prices.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [663]

### GUEDES & CO.

PRINTERS, STATIONERS, AND BOOKBINDERS.  
D'AGUIAR STREET.

EVERY KIND OF WORK EXECUTED WITH ACCURACY, NEATNESS, AND DESPATCH ON VERY MODERATE TERMS.

SELECTED MATERIALS FOR MARKS, REPORTS.

Book-binding and Ruling in every style executed at low rates. Workmanship Guaranteed.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1882. [4]

### CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

CHRONOMETER, WATCH, AND CLOCK-MAKERS.

JEWELLERS, SILVER-SMITHS, AND OPTICIANS.

CHARTS AND BOOKS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

SOLE AGENTS  
for Louis Audemars' Watches; awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition; and for Voigtlander and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES, AND SPYGLASSES.

No. 38, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [447]

### STAG HOTEL.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

ENGLISH & AMERICAN BILLIARDS.

Tiffin at One o'clock, Dinner at 7 o'clock.

This HOTEL is centrally situated, and within easy distance of the principal landing places.

[471] COOK, Proprietor.

## Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.  
ARE SHOWING.

WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING OUR STOCK TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW GOODS

WE ARE OFFERING FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

FANCY CHECKED DRESS MATERIALS.....@ 15c PER YARD USUAL PRICE 25c.  
INVISIBLE CHECKED Do.....@ 15c do do 25c.  
POMPADOUR DELAINES Do.....@ 20c do do 35c.  
ROUGH & READY SERGES Do.....@ 20c do do 35c.  
CHECKED MOHAIRS Do.....@ 30c do do 45c.  
TERRA COTTA & OTHER STRIPED SATINETTES @ 50c do do 75c.  
FANCY VELVETEENS.....@ 35c do do 50c.

### ALSO

LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.25 PER PAIR do \$2.50.  
LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.50 do do \$2.50.  
LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.75 do do \$2.82.

N.B.—JUST OPENED A CASE OF ATKINSON'S SCENTS.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1883.

ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHOICE VARIETY

OF FRENCH AND ENGLISH TWEEDS

FOR GENTLEMEN'S SUITINGS

CASHMERE AND ANGOLA NOVELTIES

ALL OF WHICH ARE SHIRRED READY FOR MAKING UP.

GENTLEMEN'S-FELT-HATS (Christies)—the latest shapes.

WHITE AND COLOURED SHIRTS.

LINEN COLLARS AND FANCY SCARVES.

GENTLEMEN'S HOSE in great variety.

UNDERSHIRTS in Balbriggan, Merino, Cashmere and Lambswool.

GENTLEMEN'S KID GLOVES & BUTTONS.

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LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

DRESS GOODS IN CASHMERE, FANCY WOOL AND OTHER TEXTURES.

BROCADED GAUZE AND GRENADINES.

CASHMERE EMBROIDERED COSTUMES.

BRAIDED JACKETS, CLOTH MANTLES.

RICH BROCADED SILKS.

RICH BLACK SILKS.

LACES, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, SASHES, LACE FISHIES, COLLARS, &c.

LADIES' KID GLOVES 2, 4, 6, 8, AND 12 BUTONS.

FANCY JET GOODS in endless variety.

LADIES' AND GENTS' CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING.

HOSIERY AND CORSETS.

HABERDASHERY, UMBRELLAS, AND SUNSHADES.

&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH PAYMENT.

ROSE & CO.

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1883.

THE FOLLOWING MUSIC EX-STEAMSHIP

"GLENEAGLES."

Les Sirenes—Valse, by E. Waldeufel.  
My Queen—Valse, by E. Waldeufel.  
Messenger of Love—Valse, by C. Coote Jr.  
Dolores Valse—by E. Waldeufel.  
Officers' Valse—by C. Coote Jr.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING ROYAL EDITIONS OF OPERAS, WITH VOCAL AND PIANOFORTE SCORES, IN ENGLISH AND ITALIAN.

Lucia di Lammermoor—by Donizetti.  
Don Pasquale—by Donizetti.  
Lucresia Borgia—by Donizetti.  
L'Elisir d'Amore—by Donizetti.  
La Favorita—by Donizetti.  
Masaniello—by Auber.  
La Sonnambula—by Bellini.  
Norma—by Bellini.  
Il Barbiere—by Rossini.  
I Puritani—by Bellini.

S. MEYERS,  
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1883.

W. BREWER.

PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

HAVING long felt the need of a PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY in Hongkong, I have determined, should a sufficient number Volunteer to Subscribe to it, to form a Library on the same basis as Circulating Libraries are formed in England, and from my Experience in such matters in England, I feel certain that I can form and conduct a Library satisfactorily to all. My Experience in the East Teaches me that the principal demand would be for LIGHT LITERATURE, and the Ordinary 3-Volume English Novels would therefore preponderate, at the same time Works of any interest on Science, Biography and Travel would find their place on the Library Shelves.

THE SUBSCRIPTION WOULD BE \$15 PER ANNUM FOR A SINGLE SET OF BOOKS.

Willing Subscribers will kindly send in their Names as early as possible in order that some estimate might be formed of the probable success of the Scheme.

W. BREWER,  
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883.

## For Sale.

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON AERATED WATERS.

7, BEACONFIELD ARCADE, (Opposite the City Hall)

Having Purchased the entire Machinery of the late Mr. E. CHAPMAN'S SODA WATER FACTORY is now prepared to execute the largest orders for every description of Aerated Waters with promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY IS GUARANTEED.

Consumers are invited to try these carefully Manufactured

SPARKLING WATERS.

THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.

All Orders and Communications should be addressed to The Factory.

7, BEACONFIELD ARCADE, Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [25]

## For Sale.

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS

AND JEWELLERS

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

No. 44, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [134]

WILLIAM SCHMIDT & CO.

GUNMAKERS & AMMUNITION DEALERS.

BEACONFIELD ARCADE.

Arms, Ammunitions, and Requisites of every description.

Arms Repaired, Cleaned, or Converted at moderate charges.

Sporting Guns and Ammunition always on hand.

## Amusements.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

ON SATURDAY EVENING,

THE 24TH INSTANT,

THE LAST AND FAREWELL APPEARANCE OF THE COMPANY, FOR THE BENEFIT OF SIGNORA SILINI,

AND SIGNORA BERTOLINI,

when the following Attractive Programme will be presented:

PART I.

FOURTH ACT OF MARCETTI'S OPERA "RUY BLAS."

Characters by Signora SILINI and PETROVICH and Signor CIOCCI and PETROVICH.

INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES.

PART II.

1.—Grand Aria from "Contessa" PETRELLA.

2.—Fantasia on the Piano-forte.....GORE.

3.—Dolce from "I Vespri" VERDI.

4.—Romanza from "Martha".....FLOIOW.

5.—Serenata "Legende Valaque".....BRAGA.

6.—Romanza from "Dinorah".....MEYERBEER.

7.—Romanza from "Martha".....FLOIOW.

8.—Comic Terzetto from "Ma-timonio Segreto".....CIMAROSSA.

SIGNORI PETROVICH, SILINI, AND BERTOLINI.

Seats may be booked at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's, where a Plan of the Theatre is now on view.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1883. [149]

## Intimations.

HONGKONG RACE S—1883.

RULE 15.—ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE for GENTLEMEN being Subscribers of \$10, or upwards, to the Fund, Free; for Non-Subscribers, \$5 for the Meeting. For Admission to the NEW STAND \$1 per diem.

RULE 16.—Tickets of Admission to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE to be had on Application to J. THURBURN, Esq., Hon. Treasurer, and at the Gate on RACE DAYS. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Gate-keeper.

H. J. H. TRIPP,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1883. [150]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, No. 14, PRAYA, Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th March, at THREE O'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1882.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd instant to the 7th prox. inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1883. [143]

### LOST.

AT THE RACECOURSE on SATURDAY, January 27th a RACE GLASS. The Finder will be Rewarded on RETURNING the same to

W. M.,  
Care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 5th February, 1883. [141]

## Mails.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship

"ARABIC"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at THREE P.M.

Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return Fare. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Complex Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central, and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

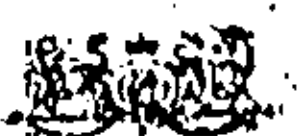
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company No. 20A, Queen's Road Central.



## Intimations.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

NOW READY.



[PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.]

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND  
HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST.  
A DIRECTORY FOR CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE  
PHILIPPINES, FOR THE YEAR 1883.

PRICE TWO DOLLARS.

The above work published at the Office of this Paper, contains a Directory for the Ports in the large portion of Asia comprised between Penang, in the Straits Settlements, and the Northern Chinese Ports, including Wladivostok, Formosa; the Treaty Ports of China and Japan; the Philippine Islands; the British Colony of Hongkong; and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. The work will also contain the Principal Treaties between European countries and the United States and the countries East of the Straits, including the New Treaties between RUSSIA AND CHINA, BRAZIL AND CHINA, AND

THE KOREAN TREATY; together with conditions of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Consular, and Harbour Regulations for the Ports of China and Japan; and a description of the Ports, with the latest Trade Statistics taken from the Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs and other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Municipal Corporations have been applied to for information, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, and Professional and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter to ensure correctness, upon forms sent for that purpose. The Naval and Military portion has been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Headquarters; in fact no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1883 contains a complete

INDEX TO THE ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG;

A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS employed in Steamers making short voyages from Hongkong;

THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES of the Principal Government Officials, the Leading Merchants, the Foreign Consuls, Professional Men, Justices of the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG, AND

A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

A SPECIAL FEATURE

IN THIS PUBLICATION IS A CHAPTER ON SPORT, dealing with almost every branch of sport including—RACING, CRICKET, ATHLETICS, AQUATICS, &c., &c., &c.

The WINNERS of all IMPORTANT RACES at HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, and AMOY, with times, and other interesting particulars, carefully compiled from the most reliable sources make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a *vade mecum* for all classes of sportsmen.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1883 is Printed on a superior quality of Paper with a NEW FOUNT OF TYPE, specially ordered for the work, from THE PATENT TYPE FOUNDRY COMPANY, Red Lion Square, Holborn, London, and bound in a fashion unsurpassed by any work of the kind ever published in the FAR EAST.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" will, in order that it may circulate extensively outside this Colony, be published at a POPULAR PRICE, and can be ordered at This Office for

TWO DOLLARS.

There is not space in the compass of an Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information introduced into the work, but it may be fairly asserted that no such Directory has ever been published, either in Hongkong, or any other part of the East, at the Price.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" offers Special Advantages as an Advertising Medium. It will have an extensive circulation in all Ports between Singapore and Newchwang, and the scale of charges has been fixed at an exceptionally low rate. Terms can be learned on application.

Suggestions for the improvement of this work are respectfully solicited.

Orders for COPIES, and for ADVERTISEMENTS may be sent to the Agents at the various Ports, or to—

"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883.

## Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.  
INVITE INSPECTION OF A WELL  
SELECTED STOCK OF  
FANCY CHRISTMAS  
GOODS,

COMPRISING—

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS  
IN GREAT VARIETY.

SWEETS AND CONFECTIONERY.

FANCY SATIN COVERED BOXES.

CUT GLASS TOILET BOTTLES.

CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS.

IVORY BACK HAIR BRUSHES.

SCIENTIFIC TOYS.

ATKINSON'S, HENDRIE'S, AND LUBIN'S  
PERFUMES.

&c., &c., &c.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS.

AND

PERFUMERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whist the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1883.

Writing on the subject of trade between Burma and China the *Overland Mail* remarks that Mr. Colquhoun, who do both India and England a good turn should his endeavours lead to a closer communion between the Governments of Great Britain and China. The commercial aspect of the problem raised by recent explorers, namely, "How to tap South-Western China?" is fairly understood by this time. Every one admits that an extension of trade between these inconceivably rich districts and British Burma would add materially to the prosperity and happiness of both nations. It is also undeniable that English merchants and manufacturers would largely benefit should this desideratum be brought about. Among the inhabitants of the fair provinces of Yunnan, Kwangsi, and Kweichow they would find a new outlet for their cottons and woollens—one which could not fail to vastly augment the regular export and haul many of the wounds that have lately made their unsightly appearance on the face of English commerce. It is also pretty well settled that the Yunnanese can be got at from British territory. Mr. Colquhoun, whose able lecture on the Prospects of Trade Extension between Burma and South-Western China is given in *prælo* on another page, has demonstrated in his own person the feasibility of reaching Burma overland from the far East. So have several recent explorers, among others Sladen, Corydon, Lepper, and Spry. French and English missionaries have also made their way from Rangoon to the centre of China, and wherever unprotected travellers can go, commerce with its complete machinery for self-protection can certainly follow. But under existing circumstances trade is simply out of the question. Before it can move it must feel assured against attack, it must understand that it is nursed and fostered by Government, not discouraged or banned.

Of what present use is it to merchants to be told that the most fertile region in China is inaccessible, that the roads thereto present no physical difficulties so long as the Chinese Government interdict communion with the neighbouring countries? It is little to practical men that good roads exist, when to utilise them is well-nigh impossible, where a legislative turnpike bars the way. Remove those gates and the currents of trade will speedily flow along

all open highways. Only diplomacy, however, and the striking up of a friendly relationship with the Great Father at Peking will enable this generation to reap the benefits of unrestricted trade with China's millions. From a geographical standpoint it is doubtless intensely interesting to be told that the wealth of Yunnan can be tapped in five or six directions. It is also of importance and welcome news to learn that the Shan States are independent, and would probably grant railway concessions, if asked. But supposing these territories and Burma are traversed from end to end by the iron horse, Yunnan is still as far off as ever, so long as the political difficulties remain unremoved. Mr. Colquhoun says they are "practically removed." How and where, we should like to know? When did the jealous Government of Peking withdraw its interdict against intercourse with the surrounding States? "One swallow does not make a summer," nor does the fact that a few travellers have passed through the gates of China indicate the freeing of commerce. The existing prohibition must be absolutely annulled, otherwise trade will never make any progress deserving the name. Until it is safeguarded against stoppage or interference on the part of a capricious court, and feels itself perfectly freed from all impediments which a too-officious provincialism may place in its way, the volume of the stream will never be large or regular. Because the prospect is dazzling we must not let our reason run loose. The utter contemptibility of the exchanges between Tibet and Northern India teach us not to be over-sanguine about promoting a commercial intercourse with China, until it pleases the rulers of that empire to admit our trade of their own free will. To quote an American expression, "The bland Celestial has a pleasing faculty of suddenly resurrecting obsolete edicts, generally at a most inconvenient moment." Of course we can force China to trade with Burma at the sword's point, but no policy could be more unwise or suicidal. It should be our endeavour, on the contrary, to secure our aims by diplomacy, not force, but as matters now stand this is far less easy than it looks. China and India—near neighbours—would readily strike up a friendship, especially with a view to opposing their common enemy, Russia, but unfortunately China has to negotiate with India through the medium of England—a nation many thousand miles away, and differing from either and both in language, habits, and ideas. Should Mr. Colquhoun's exertions result in a commercial treaty with the great Eastern Empire, and subsequently in a political alliance, or even in both simultaneously, they will bear excellent fruit. A firmly cemented friendship between England, India, and China would check Russian designs in Central Asia, and defer our conflict with the Celestial, we shall find our mercantile overtures either declined *in toto*, or received at best with a cold shoulder.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is rumoured at Woolwich that considerable change is contemplated in connection with the Royal Regiment of Artillery, which, if carried out, will be likely to affect the "Royal Horse," both as regards organisation and dress.

A CIRCULAR has been issued from the War Office calling for volunteers for the Army Hospital Corps. Volunteers must not have been less than one year in the service and not more than three years. No one above the rank of sergeant is eligible, and they will be allowed to retain their rank.

FURTHER results of the French census of Dec. 18th, 1881, are given in the *Journal Officiel*. Of the total population of 37,400,000, 18,650,000 are males, and 18,750,000 females; 1,000,000 are foreigners, and 23,400,000 are resident in the parish in which they were born; 18,200,000 belong to the agricultural population, 9,300,000 to the manufacturing classes, 3,800,000 to the commercial classes, 1,600,000 to the liberal professions. There are 2,150,000 living exclusively on their independent fortunes, or pensions. Other interesting figures are those relating to the civil conditions of the population. The number of married men is 7,550,000, and of married women 7,503,000. There are 1,025,000 widowers and 1,964,000 widows, and 10,110,000 single males and 9,280,000 single females.

Thus rather singular advertisement recently appeared in the columns of a London contemporary—"To Trademen generally, to Promoters of New Companies, and Others—Please do not send Circulars, or notices of new undertakings, or other papers to the undersigned. He is now eighty years of age, and as the public cannot be aware of this he takes this method of making it known. Nearing, he humbly trusts, the heavenly country, he does not wish to be troubled with the above." As this advertisement will be read by many who are indifferent about their souls, he cannot refrain from availing himself of this opportunity of entreating them to consider their latter end—J. R., Lieut.-Col., Clarendon Road, Kensington, January 17, 1883. Many will accept the advertiser's practical conclusion, even if indifferent to the premises.

H.M.S. turret ironclad *Wivern* was taken out of harbour yesterday to undergo a four hours' full power trial of machinery. Commander Jones, of H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel*, being in charge of the trial, and Mr. H. Williams, Inspector of Machinery, R.N., of the Naval Yard, superintending the engine department. A very successful trial was obtained, the engines working well and developing an indicated horse-power of about 1,400 with an average pressure of 21 lbs. of steam and 71 revolutions. The mean speed of the ship was 11.25 knots. The vessel was manned by the officers and crew of H.M.S. *Albatross*, who are awaiting passage to England by the troopship *Himalaya* after a three years' commission on this station.

It really begins to look, says a home paper, as if Armenia were about to become the scene of another "popular movement," and of all recent movements of the kind this is surely the most absurd. Not only is a restoration of an Armenian Empire simply impossible, but were it possible, the Armenians would only find that in achieving it they had played into the hands of Russia, and jumped from the Ottoman frying-pan into the Muscovite fire. The rising has lost its religious character, if indeed it ever possessed any; but of political fanaticism there seems to be a tolerable amount in Armenia just now, if we may judge from the fact that no fewer than 1,200 persons, including several Mahomedans, have been arrested for complicity in the conspiracy. It is to be hoped, however, that these arrests may do something to restore the reign of order and common sense.

In the carbonic acid gas of dense English apathy the fire-brand carried by that sweet feminine French enthusiast, Mlle. Louise Michel, according to "Gil Blas" in the *Overland Mail*, spluttered and gone out. The failures of this amiable lady, like the successes of some other people, must be becoming monotonous to her. She failed to assassinate Napoleon III. through going to church an hour too late—a striking illustration of the evils of unpunctuality; she failed in like manner to bring to an end the career of M. Thiers; she failed, again, to pay a similar attention to M. Gambetta; and lastly, she has failed most utterly to rouse the men and, more especially, the women of England to a sense of their downtrodden condition. A few weeks ago she appeared in the Steinway Hall, and addressed an audience of twenty-one persons, of whom seven were reporters. "Gentlemen of the Press" are not wont to indulge in expressions of feeling, but even the remaining fourteen are said to have listened to the impassioned Louise with a stolidity which may, of course, have been the disguise of suppressed excitement, but which seems to look much more like an indication of profound indifference. Certainly there are not, as yet, any signs of an English revolution.

YESTERDAY evening the troopship *Himalaya* arrived at this port, bringing military and naval fellows from England and Singapore. A number of officers in various branches of the garrison service, and also some naval officers, arrived by her, together with 207 men of the Buffs, from Queenstown, to make up the strength of the regiment here, and to relieve others who are leaving the colony; eighty-one artillerymen from Singapore and twenty-one from England to replace a number leaving the colony; four army service men from Singapore, and 247 men, relief crews for the sloops *Pegasus* and *Albatross*. The following are the names of the officers who arrived by the vessel—Major Hubbuck, R.A.; Surgeons Blennerhassett and Bradford, A.M.D.; Capt. Brackenbury, Buffs; Capt. Hickson, Buffs; Lieut. Knight Bruce, Buffs; Lieut. Blair, Buffs; Commander Dickford, R.N.; Commander Hicks, R.N.; Staff Surgeons Ellis and Pollard, R.N.; Paymasters Clarke and Kent, R.N.; Chief Engineers Dupen and Feek, R.N.; Staff Commander Johnson, R.N.; Lieuts. Winter, Arthur, and Routh, R.N.; and Sub-Lieut. Dundas, R.N. These were also three ladies—Mrs. Crawford and one child, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Brackenbury and two children. Besides the above named, eight soldiers have brought their wives, with whom are nine children, and two other women have come out to their husbands, men in Government service.

THE year 1882 has been fatal to the veterans of the medical profession, twenty-two eminent physicians and surgeons having died during the twelve months. The ages of these twenty-two gentlemen are a curiosity in the annals of longevity, the whole of the number, with two exceptions, being over eighty—John Flint South, F.R.C.S., late President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital, 81; George Samuel Jenks, M.D., F.R.C.P. London, 95—he served as assistant surgeon in the 18th Hussars (Prince of Wales's Regt) in the Peninsula from 1812 to the end of the war in 1814, and at Waterloo; Price Blackwood Hallows, F.R.C.S. England, 81; Sir Robert Clifton, Bart., M.D., D.C.L., LL.D., one of Her Majesty's Physicians in Ordinary, Scotland, 81; John Francis De Grave, M.R.C.P., late Master of the Society of Apothecaries, 92; John Lonsdale Minshall, F.R.C.S.; 81; George Macilwain, F.R.C.S.; 86; Sir James Alderson, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S., physician extraordinary to the Queen, and late president of the Royal College of Physicians, London, 87; Henry John Gore, F.R.C.S.; 85; Staff-Surg. William St. George Davies, R.N., 96—he served as acting surgeon in the *Norge* at the bombardment of Copenhagen under Admiral Gambier, in 1807, and was in all probability the last survivor of that engagement; Henry Bell, M.D., 85; George Gulliver, F.R.S., F.R.C.S., late surgeon Royal Horse Guards, 79; A. E. Bleit, M.D., Indian Army, 85; Staff-Surg. Cotton, 87; Edward Creaton, F.R.C.S., late surgeon Coldstream Guards; 83; Edward Doubleday, F.R.C.S.; 84; John Haxworth, 86; Sir Thomas Watson, Bart., M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S., physician in ordinary to the Queen, and a former president of the Royal College of Physicians, London, 90; Inspector-General Cross, R.N., 78; James Arthur Wilson, M.D., F.R.S., senior Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and formerly physician to St. George's Hospital, 88.

AN amusing anecdote comes from a village in France, where a quarrel has been raging between the mayor and the local schoolmaster. The latter was recently summoned to appear before the prefect of the department, to whom he complained of the mayor's negligence. In proof of this he showed an official report written by himself, and containing the following passage—"We have no case of hydrophobia or madness to report, unless it be that of the mayor and corporation, who are idiots and raving madmen." The mayor signed and stamped the document without reading it, little dreaming that it would be used as evidence against himself with the prefect.

AN American schoolboy gives to the world the following interesting particulars about corns:—Corns are of two kinds, vegetable and animal. Vegetable corn grows in rows, and animal corn grows on toes. There are several kinds of corn: there is the unicorn, capricorn, corn-dodgers, corn-field, and the corn which is the corn you feel the most. It is said, I believe, that gophers like corn; but persons having corns do not like to "go fur" if they can help it. Corns have kernels, and some colonels have corns. Vegetable corn grows on ears, but animal corn grows on feet—at the other end of the body. Another kind of corn is the acorn; the acorn grows on oaks, but there is no hoax about the corn. The acorn is a corn with an indefinite article, indeed. Try it and see. Many a man when he has a corn wishes it was an acorn, but not an *aching* corn. Folks that have corns sometimes send for a doctor, and if the doctor himself is corned he probably won't do so well as if he isn't. The doctor says corns are produced by tight boots and shoes, which is the reason why when a man is "tight" they say he is corned. If a farmer manages well he can get a good deal of corn on an acre, but I know of a farmer that has one corn that makes the biggest acher on his farm. The bigger crop of vegetable corn a man raises, the better he likes it; but the bigger crop of animal corn he raises, the better he doesn't like it. Another kind of corn is the corn-dodger. The way it is made is very simple, and it is as follows—that is, if you want to know—You go along the street, and meet a man you know has a corn and a rough character; then you step on the toe that has a corn on it, and see if you don't have occasion to dodge. In that way you will find out what a corn-dodger is. He will tell you the rest, Sam.

## CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The fourteenth ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders in the China Fire Insurance Company, was held at the Company's Office, Queen's Road, yesterday afternoon. There were present—Hon. P. Ryrie (Chairman), Messrs. H. Hoppius, A. Melver, H. L. Dalrymple, C. Vincent Smith (Director), J. M. Armstrong, G. Sharp, C. D. Bottomley, E. Sharp, J. D. Ball, S. G. Bird, D. Sayle, J. S. Cox, and J. B. Coughtrey (Secretary).

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, the object of this meeting, as you are aware, is to present the report for the year 1882. This report has been in your hands for some time, and I do not think there is any necessity for me to make any remarks on it. It is satisfactory to see that the premium is steadily on the increase. Losses have occurred in the course of the year; but if losses did not occur sometimes there would be no fire insurance companies. I hope, however, they won't be so heavy in future years. I think you will approve of the investments of the company's funds. They are in every way satisfactory, as I think you will see, and the directors have the greatest confidence in them. These investments now return a considerably larger amount than they did in previous years. I now propose that the report as presented and the accounts be received and adopted.

Mr. Bottomley seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Mr. Melver proposed and Mr. Sayle seconded that the election of Mr. C. V. Smith as a director in place of Mr. H. de C. Forbes, be confirmed, which was also carried.

On the motion of Mr. Dalrymple seconded by Mr. E. Sharp, the retiring directors, Messrs. W. H. F. Darby and H. Hoppius, were re-elected, and on the motion of Mr. Hoppius seconded by Mr. J. M. Armstrong, Messrs. J. H. Cox and B. Mackenzie were re-elected auditors.

The Chairman—I have now only to say that the dividend warrants will be posted to-morrow and will be payable at once. That closes the business, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance.

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the General Managers to the shareholders for presentation at the meeting to be held on the 27th instant:—

The general managers have pleasure in presenting to the shareholders the 18th annual report of the company.

The account for the results in a year's work of business which is presented, is as follows:—

Additional to reserve fund (increased from £88,000 to £100,000) £12,000  
Profit and loss account (increased from £100,000 to £112,000) £12,000  
Total £200,000

With reference to investments on mortgage the general managers and consulting committee are pleased to report that the results in Hongkong and Peking from the Shanghai mortgage which is secured by the company form an ample guarantee, exceeding in the case of an advance of 60,000,000 francs in 1882 to 1883 the amount of 60,000,000 francs in 1881.

The general managers and consulting committee, however, have every hope that a more favourable result will be obtained in 1883 than in 1882.

The working account for the year 1882, as at the end of the year, shows a profit of £100,000, and it is hoped, the general managers and consulting committee are pleased to report that the results in Hongkong and Peking from the Shanghai mortgage which is secured by the company form an ample guarantee, exceeding in the case of an advance of 60,000,000 francs in 1882 to 1883 the amount of 60,000,000 francs in 1881.

Mr. Bottomley was appointed to the seat vacated by Mr. Melver's departure, and the following gentlemen were elected:—Mr. P. Ryrie, Mr. H. Hoppius, Mr. A. Melver, and Mr. C. Vincent Smith.

The company was incorporated by the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, Hongkong, 21st February, 1883.

## HONGKONG RACES, 1883.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.  
Stewards—H. E. W. H. Marsh, C.M.G.; H.F. Admiral Wiles, C.B.; H.E. Major-General Sargent, C.B.; Commodore Cumming, R.N.; Lieut.-Colonel Papillon, R.E.; Lieut.-Colonel Hobson, The Buffs; The Hon. P. Ryrie; The Hon. F. B. Johnson; A. Coxon, Esq.; H. Hoppius, Esq.; H. de C. Forbes, Esq.; T. Jackson, Esq.; F. D. Sassoon, Esq.; W. H. F. Darby, Esq.; J. Thurburn, Esq.; Honorary Treasurer, H. J. H. Tripp, Esq., Clerk of the Course.

The great carnival of the year has again come round, and Hongkong has donned its gayest attire to pay homage to the sport of kings in the far famed Happy Valley. To-day, and until Saturday next, the ordinary business of commercial Hongkong has been practically suspended; speculation in the great game of life has for the notice almost entirely given place to the keen excitement with which Britons all the world over regard the celebration of our national pastime. The Government Offices, Banks, and commercial offices and emporiums closed their doors at noon, and throughout the colony the usual signs of a general holiday are plainly visible.

The past training season has been a most disastrous one to owners of race-horses, owing principally to the long continued drought—no rain having fallen for nearly six months—quite rendered the racecourse, at times quite unsafe for fast work. The exceedingly changeable character of the weather since October no doubt also contributed in some measure to swell the ranks of the cripples. Several powerful stallions, Mr. Kerfoot's in particular, were reduced to mere skeletons, many valuable racers of tested excellence failing to stand a preparation. The Derby, which promised to prove the most interesting event on record, was shorn of many of its attractions by the casualties which befell the reputed "cracks" Filbert, Discount, Scottish Chief, Highland Fling, Pelham and Hornpipe. However, the Derby lottery caused even more than the customary amount of excitement, the extremely open character of the race encouraging owners of outsiders to "go for the gloves." It is to be hoped, after the bitter experiences of the past season, that the leading racing men in the colony will take practical steps to remedy the existing defects of our beautiful racecourse.

Early this forenoon the exodus of race-goers from west to east commenced, and continued in one long unbroken line until past one o'clock. The Queen's Road was excellently kept by the police, Captain Deane's general arrangements being worthy of all praise. The scene in the Happy Valley on race-days has been too frequently described to justify further elaboration. The centre of the course was as usual crowded with Chinese, Indians, Malays, and nondescripts of every nationality under the sun, with all sorts of paraphernalia, which completely beggar description. From Bonington to the Grand Stand a long range of booths had been erected, which were crowded with people. In the enclosure the gathering was much more numerous than we ever remember to have seen. The private stands numbered close upon a score, and in these hospitality was dispensed with no niggardly hand. His Excellency the Administrator, Admiral Wiles, General Sargent, a whole host of notabilities, and quite a large number of ladies graced the sport with their presence. The turn-out of sportsmen from Shanghai, Amoy, Foochow, Canton and other ports was unusually large—

Hearts that had grown old  
Met again like passions of a day.  
And might at first be said.

The weather was beautiful, the sun shining brilliantly throughout the day. The course, which was admirably kept by a detachment of "The Buffs" and the police was in splendid order. During the day the fine band of "The Buffs" under the leadership of the bandmaster, Mr. H. Quin, played the following selections in capital style:—

March "Triumph" Waterloo  
Overture "The Battle of Waterloo" Scherzer  
Quadrille "The Battle of Waterloo" Scherzer  
Selection "The Battle of Waterloo" Scherzer  
Andante "The Battle of Waterloo" Scherzer  
Valse "The Battle of Waterloo" Scherzer  
Polka "The Battle of Waterloo" Scherzer  
Gigue "The Battle of Waterloo" Scherzer

Proceedings commenced shortly after the advertised time with the old fashioned half mile spin for the Wong-nai-chong Stakes, which attracted half a dozen competitors. Mr. Paul drawing first blood with *Monterosa*, the speedy chesnut winning a grand race by a head from *Meny Monk*, with *Second Violin* and *Gang Forward*, neck and neck, half a length behind. The time for this race was 50 seconds, the fastest ever accomplished in Hongkong.

Seven competitors faced the starter for the Ashley Cup, Sunlight being made an exceedingly hot favorite. The bay managed to get home, but it was a tight fit, and a few strides farther Bandman must have won. The largest field on record started for the Derby, no fewer than 13 ponies, ranging themselves under Mr. Coxon's banner. Mr. Paul's stable was made a very warm favorite at the start, although it was generally considered by the talent that the declaration to win with *Sunshine* and *Hornpipe* in preference to *Reeder* was throwing away a chance.

Tallyman made the running for a mile as a fast pace when he had shot his bolt, and Ambassador immediately went to the front and making the remainder of the running won easily by three lengths in the very fast time of 1:12.45. The Royal Hawaiian, as was generally anticipated, fell an easy prey to *Reeder*, *Second Violin* running a capital second. The time for this mile and a quarter was 2:18.15, the fastest ever accomplished in Hongkong.

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Altera magnificent race Mr. Hutchings' splendid horsemanship landed Hickory a clever winner by a long head from Sunrise, Incubus finishing a head behind the brown griffin with Highland Fling the same distance behind the third. The Welter Plate attracted seven starters, Gillie Callum making all the running and winning in a canter from Triumph and Blunder Blas.

We append full particulars of the day's racing:—  
The WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies; weight for inches; Subscriptions allowed 75s.; entrance \$10; second Pony to receive half the entrance money. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Paul's gr. Prejudice ..... Mr. Nickels 1  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's b. Second Violin ..... Mr. Brandt 2  
Mr. York's gr. Strathpeffer ..... Mr. Tennant 3  
Mr. Henry's spid. Too Too ..... Mr. Reynell 4  
Mr. St. Andrew's Shell ..... Mr. Allan 5  
Mr. Mat. Dawson's ch. Newmarket Mr. Aubert 6

Only five opponents had the temerity to face the "crack" Prejudice for King Kalakau's Cup, and any reasonable odds were laid on the "Judge's" pet. Too Too cut out the work at his best pace, leading by two lengths at the mile post (time 31 seconds) the favorite, Second Violin and Strathpeffer, following in a line, Newmarket already tailed off being unable to go the pace. The first half mile was covered in a shade under 62 seconds, Prejudice and Second Violin having disposed of Mr. Henry's spotted pony, racing together head and head. Nearing the Black Rock, Mr. Tennant brought up Strathpeffer with a grand rush, but the game old grey could not live the pace (1.34 for six furlongs) and making the descent for Wong-nei-chong it was the Shanghai Bank to a ten cent piece on Prejudice and Second Violin. A quarter of a mile from home (time 2.09) Prejudice assumed the lead, and continuing in front to the end, won very easily by about two and a half lengths, with Strathpeffer a fair third. The time 2.41—is the most wonderful record ever made in this colony.

The VALLEY STAKES, a Sweepstakes of \$5 each, with \$100 added, for Subscriptions Griffin only; weight for inches. Three Quarters of a Mile.  
Mr. Paul's gr. Opal ..... Mr. Nickels 1  
Messrs. Kerfoot and Mouat's b. Peanut ..... Mr. Hutchings 2  
Mr. Sassoon's b. Rebel ..... Mr. Aubert 3  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's gr. Howell Mr. Brandt 4  
Mr. Paul's dun Lavender ..... Mr. Bidwell 5  
Mr. John Peel's gr. Skeddaddler ..... Mr. Reynell 6  
Mr. W. M. Morgan's dun Faugh-a-Ballagh ..... Mr. Essex 7

Mr. W. M. Morgan's b. Gold Mohur Mr. Slaghek 8  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's gr. Darnley ..... Mr. Essex 9  
Mr. St. Vincent's spid. Sateanella ..... Mr. Gun 10  
Mr. Porter's spid. Silverstreak ..... Mr. Porter 11  
Mr. Neptune's b. k. Malcandri ..... Mr. Jeyes 12

The large field of 13 starters were quickly despatched on their journey, and kept well together until descending the hill to the village where Opal drew clear away, and leading to the finish won easily by two lengths in 1.39 1-5th from the "screwed up" Peanut, with Rebel a fair third, Sateanella fourth, and the rest widely scattered.

The FOCHOW CUP, value \$25, presented by the Fochow community, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$5. Two Miles.  
Mr. St. Andrew's ch. Driving Cloud Mr. Allan 1  
Mr. Paul's dun Tajmahal ..... Mr. Nickels 2  
Mr. F. S. Gordon's dun Pizicato ..... Mr. Brandt 3  
Mr. Henry's gr. Rialto ..... Mr. Reynell 4  
Mr. Paul's br. Shamrock ..... Mr. Aubert 5

Any odds were laid on Driving Cloud and Pizicato coupled against the field. The race requires little description. Driving Cloud made all the running and won in a canter by five lengths in the splendid time of 4.23. Pizicato was second until half way down the straight where old Tajmahal came up full of running, and landed second money very cleverly.

The CANTON CUP, value \$150, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies that have never won a race previous to this meeting; weight for inches; winners at this meeting, 75s. extra, entrance \$5. One Mile.  
Mr. Kerfoot's gr. Hickory ..... Mr. Hutchings 1  
Mr. Paul's br. Sunrise ..... Mr. Nickels 2  
Mr. Henry's dun Incubus ..... Mr. Reynell 3  
Mr. F. S. Gordon's wh. Highland Fling ..... Mr. Brandt 4

Mr. St. Andrew's b. Tallyman ..... Mr. Allan 5  
Mr. St. Andrew's gr. Guardsman ..... Mr. Pond 6  
Major Bagstock's gr. Wild Walt Mr. Tennant 7  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's b. k. Cutty Sark Mr. Gun 8  
Mr. St. Vincent's gr. Esperance ..... Mr. Bidwell 9

The running was made alternately by Tallyman, Esperance, Highland Fling, and Hickory for the first half mile, when Sunrise joined the leading division, and quickly drew away in company with Hickory, Highland Fling lying third with Incubus gradually making up his legs. All the way down the straight a splendid race ensued, Mr. Hutchings eventually winning by a neck from a Sunrise, a head separating the last named from Incubus, Highland Fling and Guardsman close together next, with the rest of the field tailed off. Time, 2.10.

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Mr. Broadhead's gr. Blunder Blas ..... Mr. Porter 3  
Mr. F. S. Gordon's roan Scotch Reel ..... Mr. Bidwell 4

Mr. Paul's gr. Chatterbox ..... Mr. Slaghek 5  
Mr. M. Murray's ch. Little Warlock ..... Mr. Coxon 6  
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Mr. Paul's gr. Prejudice ..... Mr. Nickels 1  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's b. Second Violin ..... Mr. Brandt 2  
Mr. York's gr. Strathpeffer ..... Mr. Tennant 3  
Mr. Henry's spid. Too Too ..... Mr. Reynell 4  
Mr. St. Andrew's Shell ..... Mr. Allan 5  
Mr. Mat. Dawson's ch. Newmarket Mr. Aubert 6

Only five opponents had the temerity to face the "crack" Prejudice for King Kalakau's Cup, and any reasonable odds were laid on the "Judge's" pet. Too Too cut out the work at his best pace, leading by two lengths at the mile post (time 31 seconds) the favorite, Second Violin and Strathpeffer, following in a line, Newmarket already tailed off being unable to go the pace. The first half mile was covered in a shade under 62 seconds, Prejudice and Second Violin having disposed of Mr. Henry's spotted pony, racing together head and head. Nearing the Black Rock, Mr. Tennant brought up Strathpeffer with a grand rush, but the game old grey could not live the pace (1.34 for six furlongs) and making the descent for Wong-nei-chong it was the Shanghai Bank to a ten cent piece on Prejudice and Second Violin. A quarter of a mile from home (time 2.09) Prejudice assumed the lead, and continuing in front to the end, won very easily by about two and a half lengths, with Strathpeffer a fair third. The time 2.41—is the most wonderful record ever made in this colony.

The VALLEY STAKES, a Sweepstakes of \$5 each, with \$100 added, for Subscriptions Griffin only; weight for inches. Three Quarters of a Mile.  
Mr. Paul's gr. Opal ..... Mr. Nickels 1  
Messrs. Kerfoot and Mouat's b. Peanut ..... Mr. Hutchings 2  
Mr. Sassoon's b. Rebel ..... Mr. Aubert 3  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's gr. Howell Mr. Brandt 4  
Mr. Paul's dun Lavender ..... Mr. Bidwell 5  
Mr. John Peel's gr. Skeddaddler ..... Mr. Reynell 6  
Mr. W. M. Morgan's dun Faugh-a-Ballagh ..... Mr. Essex 7

Mr. W. M. Morgan's b. Gold Mohur Mr. Slaghek 8  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's gr. Darnley ..... Mr. Essex 9  
Mr. St. Vincent's spid. Sateanella ..... Mr. Gun 10  
Mr. Porter's spid. Silverstreak ..... Mr. Porter 11  
Mr. Neptune's b. k. Malcandri ..... Mr. Jeyes 12

The large field of 13 starters were quickly despatched on their journey, and kept well together until descending the hill to the village where Opal drew clear away, and leading to the finish won easily by two lengths in 1.39 1-5th from the "screwed up" Peanut, with Rebel a fair third, Sateanella fourth, and the rest widely scattered.

The FOCHOW CUP, value \$25, presented by the Fochow community, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$5. Two Miles.  
Mr. St. Andrew's ch. Driving Cloud Mr. Allan 1  
Mr. Paul's dun Tajmahal ..... Mr. Nickels 2  
Mr. F. S. Gordon's dun Pizicato ..... Mr. Brandt 3  
Mr. Henry's gr. Rialto ..... Mr. Reynell 4  
Mr. Paul's br. Shamrock ..... Mr. Aubert 5

Any odds were laid on Driving Cloud and Pizicato coupled against the field. The race requires little description. Driving Cloud made all the running and won in a canter by five lengths in the splendid time of 4.23. Pizicato was second until half way down the straight where old Tajmahal came up full of running, and landed second money very cleverly.

The CANTON CUP, value \$150, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies that have never won a race previous to this meeting; weight for inches; winners at this meeting, 75s. extra, entrance \$5. One Mile.  
Mr. Kerfoot's gr. Hickory ..... Mr. Hutchings 1  
Mr. Paul's br. Sunrise ..... Mr. Nickels 2  
Mr. Henry's dun Incubus ..... Mr. Reynell 3  
Mr. F. S. Gordon's wh. Highland Fling ..... Mr. Brandt 4

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# THE RACES.

The following are our vaticinations for tomorrow's events:—

SCURRY STAKES.—Reef or Highland Fling.  
EXCHANGE PLATE.—Driving Cloud.  
GERMAN CUP.—Opal or Lavender.  
PARSEE CUP.—Sunshine or Sunrise.  
PROFESSIONAL CUP.—Second Violin.  
TAMAHAI PURSE.—Pizicato or Driving Cloud.  
BROKERS' CUP.—Rebel or Bothwell.  
FLYAWAY STAKES.—Merry Monk.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.  
The SCURRY STAKES, a Sweepstakes of \$5 each, with \$100 added, for all *bona fide* Griffins at date of entry; Subscriptions Griffin allowed 75s., except winner of Valley Stakes; weight for inches. One Mile.  
The EXCHANGE PLATE, value \$500, presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong, for China Ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$10; second Pony to receive half of the entrance money. Two Miles.  
The GERMAN CUP, value 100 guineas, presented by members of the German Club, for Subscriptions Griffin only; weight for inches; entrance \$10; second Pony to receive 75 per cent; third Pony 25 per cent. of entrance money. One and a Quarter Miles.

The PARSEE CUP, value \$150, presented by the Parsee community, for China Ponies being *bona fide* Griffins at date of entry; weight for inches; winners of one race at this meeting, 75s. extra; of two races, 125s. extra; Subscriptions Griffin, allowed, 75s.; entrance \$5. Seven Furlongs.  
The PROFESSIONAL CUP, value \$5, presented, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies; weight for inches; winners of one race at this meeting, 75s. extra; of two races, 125s. extra; and of three races, 150s. extra; previous non-starters to carry 12st. entrance \$10; second Pony to receive 50 per cent. of entrance money; third Pony 25 per cent. One Mile and a Quarter.

The TAMAHAI PURSE, of 100 Sovereigns, presented by Mr. Paul, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$10; second Pony to receive 50 per cent; third Pony 25 per cent. of entrance money. One Mile and a Half.  
The BROKERS' CUP, value \$250; a forced entry of \$5 each for all entered Subscriptions Griffin; 70 per cent. of the entrance money to go to the second, and 30 per cent. to the third Pony; weight for inches; previous winners, 75s. extra; penalties accumulative. One Mile.  
The FLYAWAY STAKES, for all China, Manila and Japan Ponies; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting, 75s. extra; Subscriptions Griffin allowed 75s.; entrance \$5, with \$100 added. Three Quarters of a Mile.

The winter theatres being shut, I twice attended that in the Haymarket. A few exceptions, the comedians whom I saw were certainly nothing extraordinary. For a seat in the boxes you pay 5s. in the pit 3s. in the first gallery 2s. and in the second or upper gallery 1s. It is the tenants in this upper gallery who, for their shilling, make all that uproar which the English play houses are so famous. Often while I sat in the pit, past me, and once one of them actually hit my hat, without my daring to look around my face. Besides the perpetual pelting from the gallery which renders an English play house so uncomfortable, there is no end of their calling out and knocking with their sticks till the curtain is drawn up. I sometimes heard too, the people in the lower or middle gallery quarrelling with those of the upper. Behind me in the pit sat a young fellow, who in order to display his costly stone buckles with the utmost brilliancy, continually put his foot on my bench and even sometimes upon my coat. In the boxes, quite in a corner, sat several servants, who were said to be placed there to keep the seats for the families they served. They seemed to sit remarkably close and still; the reason of which was, I was told, their apprehension of being pelted; for if one of them dared but to look out of the box he is immediately saluted with a shower of orange peel from the gallery. In Foot's *Nabob*, there are sundry local and personal allusions, which are entirely lost to a foreigner. The character of the "Nabob" was performed by a Mr. Palmer. The *Agreeable Surprise* is really a very diverting farce. Mr. Edwin, who has a great deal of nature and original humor, here acted the part of "Lingo." The "Lingo" is in love with a certain country girl whose name is "Cowan," whom he makes a declaration of his passion in a strange, mythological, grammatical style and manner, and to whom, among other fooleries, he sings, quite enraptured, the following air, and seems to work himself up to such a transport of passion as quite overpowers him!

As a color, tall and slender,  
I love Cowan's grace,  
If her position can be  
And she's of the feminine gender.

This Edwin, in all his comic characters, still preserves something so impressively good-tempered in his countenance that, notwithstanding all his burlesques and even grotesque buffoonery, you cannot but be pleased with him. He was obliged to sing himself almost hoarse because it pleased the upper gallery, or the gods, as the English call them, to roar out "Encore!"

# THEATRES IN FOOT'S TIME.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.  
NOTICE is hereby given that under the Provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company, an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, Peddar's Ward, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd of March Next, at TWELVE O'CLOCK, noon, for the purpose of re-arranging the Regulations of the Company by passing a Special Resolution whereby the present Articles of Association of the Company are proposed to be cancelled and expunged from the Regulations of the Company, and New Articles of Association be adopted and substituted in lieu and exclusion thereof.

And Notice is hereby given that a Copy of the proposed Resolution and of the proposed New Articles of Association can be seen by any Shareholder at the Company's Offices, in Victoria, before the date appointed for holding the said Meeting.

By Order of the Board,  
DOUGLAS JONES,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, dated the 21st day of February, A.D. 1883.

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